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In re Application of:

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Serial No.: To be Assigned

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For: A METHOD OF COOLING ANIMALS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is for the above-identified Application which is being filed under 35 U.S.C. §111(a) as a continuation of co-pending International Application No. PCT/NL00/00504, filed July 18, 2000, International Publication No. WO 01/10197, published February 15, 2001. Priority based thereon of July 18, 2000 is claimed and is further claimed for August 18, 1999 based on Dutch Patent Application No. 1012809.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A Substitute Specification is submitted herewith. It is requested that the Substitute Specification be substituted for the copy of the Specification of International Application No. PCT/NL00/00504, also submitted herewith as the original Specification for the instant Application. No new matter has been added to the Substitute Specification. However, the Substitute Specification is amended by the insertion of:

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